
The Best of **Italy** Escorted 2018

14 Nights | 6 Rounds | August 25 - September 8

Tour **Pricing** Per Guest

Golfer: \$11,495 | Non Golfer: \$11,495

Milan, Venice, Florence & Rome. Our Best of Italy tour offers perhaps the greatest range of course styles and the most fascinating collection of cultural marvels within our escorted tour portfolio. This 14 night / 6 round fully escorted tour includes mountain, parkland and links style layouts found in four of Italy's most famous destinations: Milan, Venice, Florence and Rome. During our three nights in **Milan** we will tour this great city and view Leonardo da Vinci's **Last Supper**, one of the world's great paintings and most resonant images. Our visit to Lake Como includes dramatic panoramas plus a guided tour of **Bellagio** along with two of the lake's most beautiful villas - **Villa Balbianello** and **Villa Carlotta**. On our way to Venice we stop in **Verona** the most romantic of cities through its Romeo and Juliet fame. Our three nights in **Venice** at the stunning Marriott Venice Resort & Spa on its own private island is sure to be most special. Onwards to **Florence** and all that city to offer plus side trips to **Siena** and **San Gimignano** in the heart of **Tuscany**. Finally we arrive in **Rome**, one of the most profound records of human history in all its artistic and architectural glory. A day trip from Rome taking in the splendor of the **Amalfi Coast** with **Sorrento** and Amalfi rounds out our Italian experience. Our golf is also sure to delight in truly Italian style; **Milano Golf Club**, one of the most exclusive clubs in Italy; the dramatic **Venice Golf Club** set on an island and links golf in nature; **Ugolino Golf Club** in Florence and the Arnold Palmer designed **Le Pavoniere Golf Club** found on the former estate of Leopoldo de Medici; **Marco Simone** in Rome seat of the Ryder Cup in 2022 and **Roma Acquasanta Golf Club**, one of Italy's oldest golf courses with views to the skyline of Rome. We take advantage of Italy's great railway network to make our travel smooth and stress free between cities, our luggage and golf equipment travelling separately by road. This fully Escorted PerryGolf tour is inclusive of all accommodations, transportation, meals as listed, five rounds of golf with cart, all privately guided sightseeing, and train fares, and is accompanied at all times by a PerryGolf Tour Manager. See Tour Inclusions for full details.

Detailed Itinerary

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25: MILAN, ITALY

Arrive Milan (Malpensa or Linate Airport) where you will be met by PerryGolf staff who will assist you to the awaiting transfer to your hotel, the delightful **Grand Hotel et de Milan**, a 5-star property located in the heart of the city, just a few steps away from the Cathedral, the famous La Scala Opera House & the fashion district.

The rest of the day is free to relax and enjoy Milan, a city like no other in representing the leading edge of fashion and design industry, a melting pot in between culture and style.

Our welcome dinner is reserved this evening in one of the most beautiful restaurants close to your hotel; a good

start to feel the Italian atmosphere.

OVERNIGHT: **Grand Hotel et de Milan** - Deluxe Room

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26: MILAN, ITALY

Today all guests enjoy a full day visit to world renowned **Lake Como**. Our private coach transfers us to Como and after a short walk around the medieval walls we board a private motorboat accompanied by a local guide. Our first stop will be **Bellagio**, the pearl of the lake. This village is characterised by century-old buildings, stone lanes and picturesque cobbled stairways filled with shops showcasing the finest Italian wares.

Visits also include a pair of the lake's most beautiful and famous villas – **Villa Balbianello** and **Villa Carlotta**.

We return to Milan by late afternoon.

OVERNIGHT: **Grand Hotel et de Milan** – Deluxe Room

MONDAY, AUGUST 27: MILAN, ITALY

GOLF: Golf this morning at **Milano Golf Club**, one of the most exclusive clubs in Italy. The Club was founded in 1928 and is set inside the majestic woodland of the Villa Reale of Monzapark, which covers an area of almost 700 hectares. Over the years Milano Golf Club has been a regular host of the Italian Open, most recently hosting the national open for the European Tour in 2015.

The afternoon is dedicated for all guests to a guided city tour of Milan, including viewing **Last Supper of Leonardo da Vinci** one of the world's great paintings and most resonant images. It is the masterpiece on which he worked from 1494 to 1497. It represents Christ with his Apostles while they are having supper together for the final time.

The tour will end in the heart of the city at the Duomo, the world's largest Gothic cathedral; the Gallery of Vittorio Emanuele II, a cruciform glass-domed gallery; the red-brick Sforza Castle one of its most striking landmark. After this short but intensive visit, you will be free to immerse yourself in the nearby famous shopping district.

OVERNIGHT: **Grand Hotel et de Milan** – Deluxe Room

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28: VERONA & VENICE, ITALY

Check out of your hotel in Milan. Board the train towards Venice, stopping in **Verona**, the most romantic city of the world thanks to the Shakespeare's Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet which made this city a household name.

During our short walking guided tour of the city you will also have an opportunity to admire the Roman Arena that hosts the outdoor opera festival during summer nights.

Some free time for lunch before reboarding the train to Venice with late afternoon arrival and transfer to the outstanding Marriott Venice Resort & Spa, located on the private island Sola Delle Rosa.

This evening we enjoy a group dinner (included), served in one of the hotel restaurants overlooking Venice and

offering spectacular views all around.

OVERNIGHT: **Marriott Venice Resort & Spa** - Deluxe Room

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29: VENICE, ITALY

The morning is dedicated to the visit of the center of **Venice**. An orientation walking tour throughout the most significant Venetian landmarks: St Mark's Square, its Basilica till Rialto bridge, walking through the hidden alleys and pass through typical Venetian 'Campos' (Squares).

Afternoon is free for your own sightseeing in this magical city.

OVERNIGHT: **Marriott Venice Resort & Spa** - Deluxe Room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30: VENICE, ITALY

GOLF: Golf this morning at **Venice Golf Club** which can rightfully claim the title of eldest club in the region and among the very oldest in Italy. Its foundation and opening date as far back as 1928 with an entire week of competitions and celebrations organized by its first 25 members belonging to the noble families of the Venetian aristocracy. It enjoys a dramatic location on the big island of Lido which forms a coastal barrier to the city itself. With sandy ground and dunes it is links in nature, and fittingly was designed by a Scottish architect.

SIGHTSEEING: Non-Golfers will explore the **Lagoon** itself, with a local guide, stopping in the two enchanting small Islands: the colourful but sleepy **Burano** famous for its laces market and **Murano** famous for its glass factory that will amazed you with their glass blowing demonstration with the artisan in action firing up a new creation in a furnace.

OVERNIGHT: **Marriott Venice Resort & Spa** - Deluxe Room

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31: FLORENCE, ITALY

Check out your hotel in Venice and board the fast train direct to **Florence**, the home of the Renaissance.

Once in Florence enjoy a guided walking tour. Florentine art goes beyond paintings and statues, food, fashion and handy crafts. You will explore the heart of the city walking by the Cathedral Santa Maria del Fiore, better known as the Duomo, a Gothic Cathedral impressively decorated with its polychrome marbles; its Bell Tower and the Baptistery with its bronze doors fit to be 'the gates of Paradise', moving on to Piazza Signoria, the political heart of the city reaching the square walking along the Medieval streets of Florence, discovering local shops, small trattorias, ancient towers and dwellings breathing history at every step!

Transfer to Villa La Masse on the outskirts of Florence. The 16th Century Estate sits on the banks of the Arno River, with 22 acres full of lemon trees and olive groves it is the perfect place to enjoy peace and serenity.

Enjoy dinner in the hotel this evening.

OVERNIGHT: **Florence - Villa La Massa** - Deluxe Room

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1: FLORENCE, ITALY

SIGHTSEEING: Non-Golfers are at leisure today to relax and enjoy the country estate or to enjoy Florence at your own pace. The hotel provides a shuttle service to allow guests to set their own pace for the day.

GOLF: This afternoon enjoy golf at **Le Pavoniere Golf Club**. This Arnold Palmer layout is found on the former estate of Leopoldo de Medici. The course is nicely secluded with a links feel and a collection of Tuscan-style brick walls and bridges used around the water hazards plus of course the ever-present cypresses of Tuscany.

OVERNIGHT: Florence - Villa La Massa - Deluxe Room

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2: FLORENCE, ITALY

Today a full day taking in the delights of the Tuscany Region. You will start with a guided tour of **Siena**, an enchanting town which rivals even Florence. Famous for its Piazza del Campo, which is the heart of Siena and one of the most marvellous medieval squares in Italy, it is also renowned for its architectural beauty and for the **Palio**, the medieval horse race. The tour will end in a local trattoria for a light lunch accompanied by a Chianti wine.

In the afternoon, you will leave **Siena** to reach **San Gimignano**, the village famous for its towers that form an unforgettable skyline and also for his architectural masterpiece in the town centre. A guide will be your chaperon here as enjoy a visit to one of the vineyards in the Chianti region. Enjoy a wine tasting before returning to the hotel in the late afternoon.

OVERNIGHT: Florence - Villa La Massa - Deluxe Room

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3: FLORENCE, ITALY

GOLF: Golf today on **Firenze Ugolino Golf Club**. The British community in Florence brought golf to Italy in 1889 when they built a course on land belonging to Princess Demidoff, just north of the city. In 1934 a new course was created at the edge of the beautiful Chianti country and the Ugolino Golf Club came into existence, taking over the mantle from Florence Golf Club. It has hosted numerous international events, and has witnessed many champions of the game in action including Severiano Ballesteros, Bernhard Langer, Greg Norman and Sandy Lyle.

The remainder of the day will be free to relax in the surroundings of the Villa La Massa or to enjoy Florence on your own.

Back to your hotel in the late afternoon.

OVERNIGHT: Florence - Villa La Massa - Deluxe Room

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4: ROME, ITALY

Enjoy a leisurely morning before boarding the train to **Rome**, the revered capital of Italy. The city is located in the central-western part of the Italian Peninsula on the Tiber River. It was also the capital of the Roman Empire so you can find all the most important and wonderful archaeological pieces of the Roman Times.

Our private coach will be awaiting us in Rome for a guided tour of the city, including a visit to the Colosseum, originally known as the Flavian Amphitheatre and commissioned in AD 72 by Emperor Vespasian. It is and characterized by a unique style, and surrounded by majestic buildings that were constructed between 46BC and 113AC.

Check in to the five star Hotel Bernini Bristol (5*), near Via Veneto famous for its timeless charm, and tree-lined streets with many shops and romantic restaurants nearby.

OVERNIGHT: **Rome - Hotel Bernini Bristol** - Deluxe Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5: ROME, ITALY

GOLF: Today this morning at **Marco Simone Golf & Country Club**, future host of the 2022 Ryder Cup. The course is found 10 miles from the centre of Rome and is built around a castle of the 11th century. Saint Peter's dome may be seen from several holes.

SIGHTSEEING: Non Golfers are at leisure today to relax and enjoy the city. Enjoy further explorations of all that this great city has to offer.

This evening dinner is included in one of Rome's most renowned restaurants.

OVERNIGHT: **Rome - Hotel Bernini Bristol** - Deluxe Room

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6: ROME, ITALY

Today a special day is planned to the beautiful Amalfi Coast.

Board your train to reach Naples, the capital of the region and indeed of the whole Italian south, from where you will be transferred further south to **Sorrento**, **Positano** and **Amalfi**, all located in the most beautiful stretch of coast with its cornice road winding around the towering cliffs that slip almost sheer into the sea: an incredible ride with some of the most spectacular stretches in between.

You will stop in **Positano** with its great boutiques specialized in clothes made from linen, georgette and cotton, handmade shoes and sandals: you will be amazed about its location heaped up in a pyramid high above the water.

Proceed then to **Amalfi** set in a wide cleft in the cliffs, the highlight of the coast with the Duomo and the Cloister, oddly Arabic in feel with its whitewashed arches and palms.

We will return to Rome in the late afternoon.

OVERNIGHT: **Rome - Hotel Bernini Bristol** - Deluxe Room

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7: ROME, ITALY

GOLF: Golf today at **Rome Acquasanta Golf Club**, probably the best place with a 360 degrees extraordinary view: on one side the sight of the Roman Claudio's emperor aqueduct, and on the west horizon the two basilicas

of St. John Lateran and St. Peter's. It was a site of a beneficial water spring, the ancient fifteenth century Acquasanta thermal bath built by Pope Paul V still visible on the right side of the hole #1, that's why it's so called Acquasanta (Holywater)

SIGHTSEEING: Non Golfers are at leisure today to relax and enjoy the city. Enjoy further explorations of all that this great city has to offer.

This evening we gather in the top floor restaurant of the hotel for our farewell drinks & dinner.

OVERNIGHT: **Rome - Hotel Bernini Bristol** - Deluxe Room

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8: ROME, ITALY

Check-out and private transfer to Fiumicino Rome Airport.

Golf Schedule

Milano Golf Club



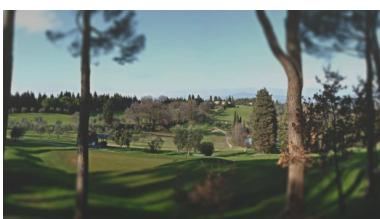
Set in a majestic forest on 700 hectares in the Park of Monza, the Milano Golf Club is steeped in tradition, having served as the primary host for the Italian Open golf tournament on many occasions. The parkland layout, which now consists of 27 holes, features expertly manicured fairways, tree-lined and dotted with strategic bunkers and water hazards. The 18th hole provides a fine finish, measuring 412 yards as a dogleg left par 4 that demands precision and power.

Venice Golf Club

From Arnold Palmer to Lee Trevino to Seve Ballesteros, legends of professional golf have walked the fairways at Venice CC. Nestled in between the Adriatic Sea and the Lagoon of Venice the course can take on a links feel as it's susceptible to the bora and siroco winds. This course, which has hosted many European PGA Tour events, finishes with five consecutive par 4s, each as demanding as the next, with narrow tree-lined fairways and small, elevated greens.



Firenze Ugolino Golf Club



The course lies in the Chianti Hills to the south of Florence. It exploits the natural characteristics of the Tuscan landscape, the cypress trees and olive trees, the slopes that curve and follow the magnificent scenery and the small greens that are well protected. The course features tight, sloped fairways and small, undulating greens that can easily lead to three-putting if the approach is errant. Although not long it will provide a stiff test for all.

Le Pavoniere Golf Club

Located in the heart of Tuscany, the Arnold Palmer designed course features hazards that are cleverly brought into play. The fairways are slightly rolling, and the course is surrounded by holm-oak woods, cluster pines and cypresses. The land has been given some gentle relief but water and trees shape the majority of holes. The 6th hole is a spectacular par-4 featuring an island green that presents a treacherous approach shot. The 4th has an island green as well.



Marco Simone Golf Club



Established in 1989 by the fashion designer Laura Biagiotti, Marco Simone Golf Club was created to be suitable not only for relaxed play but also for international championships. In that regard, it was awarded the 2022 Ryder Cup matches. The fairways and greens fit seamlessly with the natural framework of the countryside. Hole 17 is a fearsome par-3, measuring 195 yards and a large depression means trouble for any wayward shots to the right. The dome of St. Peter is in view from here.

Roma Acquasanta Golf Club

Located in truly historic surroundings with views of old aqueducts and the Apian Way. This was the first golf course to open in Italy and the natural beauty is enchanting. The horizon is lined with the arches of an ancient aqueduct. The course is fairly tight with many trees lining the fairways and a number of streams coming into play, in particular on the short, fun par-3 11th, that measures only 132 yards from the back tee but tests distance control and accuracy.



Accommodations

GRAND HOTEL ET DE MILAN, MILAN



The Grand Hotel et de Milan is a place rich in atmosphere, full of traces left by the passage of great personalities whose names have shaped history. The building preserves all the charm of an ancient Milanese “house”. It is still now days the favourite hotel of big names of the world of culture, entertainment, fashion, music, national and international business.

MARRIOTT VENICE RESORT & SPA, VENICE

The JW Marriott resort of the Isola delle Rose is the product of the conversion of a naturalistic and architectural heritage unique in Venice. Everywhere, Venetian materials and airy colors that hold a dialogue with the reflections of the lagoon and create a sophisticated and very natural sensation of continuity between inside and outside, between absolute discretion and breath-taking beauty.



HOTEL VILLA LA MASSE, FLORENCE



Part of the Leading Hotels of the World, Villa La Massa is the exquisite jewel of the Villa d'Este Group. The 16th Century estate sits on the banks of the Arno River, on 22 acres full of lemon trees and olive groves that surround the property. This Medici family dwelling has been transformed into luxury hotel in 1984. The 37 unique rooms are situated in the 3 Villas: Villa Nobile, l'Antico Mulino and the Villino. They all overlook the Arno river or the park, have ancient furniture and are embellished by Florentine textiles, wrought iron and woodworks.

HOTEL BERNINI BRISTOL, ROME

Built in the late 1800's in a palace in the heart of Rome, and recently renovated, the Hotel Bernini Bristol offers the glamour of a bygone era along with the most modern appointments and amenities. The Bernini Bristol, 5 star accommodation in Rome, is a splendid building, once a historical palace, facing the famous Piazza Barberini and near to Trevi fountain, Villa Borghese and the most important shopping streets. Its ample salons are enchanting with period furnishings and tapestries, as are its rooms marked by a refined atmosphere and comfortable elegance.

